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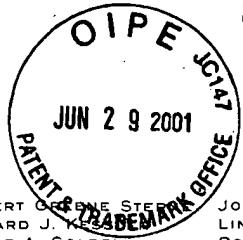
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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application  
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Appl. No. 09/845,784; Filed: May 2, 2001  
For: Gel Loading Adaptor  
Inventors: Ally *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4360002/LEA/DTJ

Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated May 17, 2001, Applicant(s) submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
5. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) citing twenty-one (21) references (AA1-AK1 and AA2-AJ2);
6. Return postcard; and
7. Our Check No. 31768 for \$ 840.00 to cover:  
\$ 710.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16); and  
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Respectfully submitted,

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